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KC MAN SENTENCED FOR DISTRIBUTING CRACK, ILLEGALLY POSSESSING FIREARM

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced today that a Kansas City, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for distributing crack cocaine and illegally possessing a firearm.

Donald E. Love, 48, of Kansas City, also known as Pops, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Fernando J. Gaitan, Jr., this morning to seven years and 11 months in federal prison without parole.

On June 30, 2004, **Love** pleaded guilty to distributing crack cocaine between May 5, 2004, and May 26, 2004, in Jackson County, Mo. **Love** also pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm on May 27, 2004, in Jackson County. Under federal statutes, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Love** has a 1986 criminal felony conviction for armed bank robbery.

Love was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on June 3, 2004, in Kansas City.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Charles E. Ambrose, Jr. This case was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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